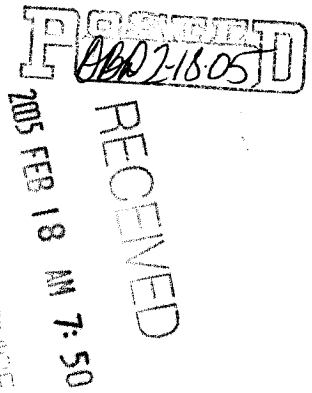


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February 16, 2005



Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Department
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, S.C. 29211

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in response to a notice I received regarding Carolina Water Service, Inc. application for rate adjustments to water and sewer service. I am writing to say that I am emphatically opposed to any rate increases, but particularly with regard to any increase to sewer services.

I am a single female who was involuntarily out of work nearly the entire year of 2004 and I am just now, once again, trying to get back on my feet. It has always been a source of irritation to know that as the single occupant of my single family home where I've lived since 1993, that I have had to pay as much for my sewer service as a family of five down the street. Now, this recent notification indicates that if this rate increase is granted, the utility company will score an increase of 35%! I think such an increase is outrageous and until wages and salaries of private citizens 'catch up' with this degree of profit, we should not give any serious consideration to a request that is this far out of proportion. Furthermore, the information provided indicates that commercial charges have always been equal to the fees that have been charged for single-family homes and I also think this is unfair as well. It is clear that the company, with its pricing structure intends to get the bulk of its revenues from the 'little guy'. Well, THIS 'little guy' is tired tired of bearing the biggest share of the burden and having to try to make a living here with little or no protections to her rights, integrity, or professionalism.

I am emphatically opposed to any increases to our water and sewer services, but particularly sewer services. While I realize that costs accompany the expansion of neighborhoods and further development, I think those costs should be borne by homeowners in the newer developments.

Thank you for your consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

Joy Slocum

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